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Officials investigate the scene of fatal plane crash outside the Butte Airport in Butte, Mont., on Sunday, March 22, 2009. A small plane, possibly carrying children on a ski trip, crashed Sunday as it approached the Butte airport, killing 14 people aboard, according to a federal official.

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Lance Armstrong of the U.S. leaves a hotel with his arm in a sling in Palencia, Spain, Monday March 23, 2009. Armstrong fractured his collarbone Monday in a crash during the Vuelta of Castilla and Leon race, disrupting the seven-time Tour de France champion's comeback.

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The Westin Resort Aruba's

9th Annual Bridal & Social Events Show a huge success



PALM BEACH - The Island's largest and most popular wedding and special events show, The Westin Aruba's 9th annual Bridal & Social Events Show, took place this past Sunday and was bigger and better than ever this year.

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Starting out by Chino Latino in The Village

DJ ROOG in da house at Confessions



DJ Roog played for a huge crowd at Confessions this past Saturday night. He started the evening out with a quick stop at Chino Latino in The Village then he filled the hours at Confessions until the early morning hours. He was voted No. 1 house DJ of Holland for

three years straight by Dutch magazine Basic Groove, was voted Holland's most popular club DJ in 2004 by Nieuwe Revu magazine and was the highest ranked house DJ in the Dutch DJ Award poll of 2003, 2004 and 2005.

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The event drew hundreds to the event held in the resort's GrandPalmBeachBallroom where the fair hosted top vendors showcasing their products and services that are utilized while planning a wedding, Holy Communion, or any special event. A bevy of bakeries, jewelers, hair salons, travel agents, formalwearretailers, invitation and menu printers, entertainment

providers, and wine and spirit providers were on hand to allow for one-stop shopping for any special event.

The fair was held from 11:00am to 6:00pm and was highlighted by fashion shows of wedding dresses, Holy Communion attire, and a variety of social occasion dresses and outfits. Great door prizes were also awarded. □



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- With his brother Greg he forms Hardsoul, the internationally successful production duo (for more information on Hardsoul, check the Hardsoul bio and www.hardsoul.nl - Roog is playing an astonishing average of 225 gigs a year in and outside Holland. Roog played the main stage at Sensation in the vast Ajax Soccer stadium to 40.000 people in 2001, which

was broadcasted live by TMF and Radio 538. This event elevated him from an underground house talent to the Dutch DJ super league. DJ Roog frequently plays in New York's hottest club Cielo (voted No.1 club in the US in the Dancestar Awards) After the huge success of 'Back Together' Defected asked Roog (Hardsoul) to join their international

Defected In The House tour that brought him to London, Ibiza, Sydney and Melbourne, etc. - In 2004, Hardsoul presents Roog & Greg's release entitled 'Uber' on UK label Toolroom saw the brothers take their sound to a next level. The track was named BBC 'Track Of The Week' and was included on numerous international compilations. - In 2005 the brothers revived their label Hardsoul Pressings. The label was quickly adopted by both big name DJ's and the record-buying public. The releases can be found on numerous international compilations such as Hed Kandi, Defected In the House and Ministry of Sound. □

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with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at Divi Village they call their home away from home. The following guests were honored as Distinguished

Guests after visiting Aruba for more then 10 years: Madeline Heslin, David & Shirley Richards, Gerald & Dolores Brown, Peter & Monica Burke. Pictured: Mr. Ricardo Croes together with all honorees and also Gloria y Griffith from the Divi Village Resort. □



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Prime-Minister Oduber Visited by Ambassador of India in Caracas

ORANJESTAD - Friday morning, Prime-Minister Mr. Nelson Oduber, was visited by the ambassador of India in Caracas, Mr. Y. K. Sinha. This is following the visit done by the Prime-Minister of Aruba to India in December, 2007. Here is where Aruba is trying to expand its knowledge in the areas of logistic, pharmaceuticals, hospitals and IT.

India is undergoing a massive economical growth, where in January 2009 they invested 3 Billion Dollars in their

economy and their basic economical growth is 6 to 7% annually. At this point the Ambassador Sinha expressed interest in Aruba on behalf of India, due to our stability and trustworthy political standing. Also, in Aruba there's "Law and Order" and there's also opportunity's to search for rights all in the way at the Supreme Court in the Netherlands.

During the visit, the Director of International Affairs, Mr. Agustin Vrolijk was also present. □

Shanayah Howell Visited Minister of Tourism Edison Briesen



ORANJESTAD - On Friday afternoon, the Minister of Tourism Edison Briesen was visited by the young lady, Shanayah Howell, whom will be participating in two mayor events, "The Gator Nationals" at Springhill Florida and the "The Easter Classic" at St. Cloud, Florida, taking place from the 4th to the 11th of April. Shanayah has succeeded in winning most of her international races in the United States and has always kept the good name of Aruba high.

Minister Briesen admires and supports this young lady that competes side by side with the big racers in her field and constantly keeps winning. With this, the Minister pointed out that we should support, back and recognize local talents that keep the name of Aruba held high internationally. At the end of the visit, he wished Shanayah the best of luck during her races in the United States. □



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Antonio Bello and the Blues Band

Hard Rock Café makes tribute to Eric Clapton



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Clapton, an English blues-rock guitarist, singer, songwriter and composer is loved by all. Clapton has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as a member of the Yardbirds, of Cream, and as a solo performer, being the only



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person to be inducted three times. Often viewed by critics and fans alike as one of the greatest guitarists of all time,[2] Clapton was ranked fourth in Rolling Stone magazine's list of the "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time"[3] and #53 on their list of the Immortals: 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.[4] Although Clapton has varied his musical style throughout his career, it has always remained grounded in the blues. Yet, in spite of this focus, he is credited as an innovator in a wide variety of genres. These include blues-rock (with John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers and the Yardbirds) and psychedelic rock (with Cream). Additionally, Clapton's chart success was not limited to the blues, with chart-toppers in Delta Blues (Me and Mr. Johnson), pop ("Change the



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World") and reggae (Bob Marley's "I Shot the Sheriff"). One of his most successful

recordings was the hit love song "Layla," which he played with the band Derek

and the Dominos and Robert Johnson's "Crossroads", which has been his staple

song since his days with Cream. □

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unparalleled appetizers and extraordinary desserts, which helped the Sunset Grille achieve the Triple AAA's elite four-diamond status – a rare feat for steakhouses. Sunset Grille well-known as the number one steakhouse in Aruba offers also spa cuisine, for the health conscious visitors, featuring appetizers, salads and a wide array of seafood selections. The spa cuisine dishes are balanced by enhancing flavors with citrus, spice and

herbs and taste is elevated by marinating, smoking and grilling, Smeets explains. "We now use many more herbs, vegetables, grains and fibers," adds Boland, "all designed to sustain a healthier life style; and we stay away from saturated fats and refined sugars, as well as use salt sparingly," he informs. "The Sunset Grille kitchen," Boland reveals, "uses no trans fats, and our guests," he banter, "stay healthy, wealthy and wise with our new and exciting spa cuisine."

Among the patrons favorite dishes are, the Sunset Grille's famous Chop House Martini Salad, "Shaken not Stirred," the lobster bisque with a pastry crust, the various cuts of prime beef, the popular Rack of Lamb, Stuffed Quail and the delicious Veal Oscar. The spa cuisine features items such as Tuna Tataki, the Spinach Salad, Chilean Seabass, grilled Swordfish and the Asian style Salmon and Scallops served with the



popular Soba Noodles.

The Sunset Grille always endeavors to exceed guests' expectations by purchasing the very best products available and preparing them in accordance with a combination of "tried and true" as well as cutting edge contemporary methods, Boland explains. Simply put, the Sunset Grille culinary team buys the best products, and cooks them the best way they know, refusing to cut corners, especially when it comes to buying, aging and



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Social Web sites face transparency questions

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Yelp.com prides itself on being a site where people can write reviews about pretty much anything and connect with similarly critical peers. Yet as the site grows, some of the businesses scrutinized on Yelp are turning the tables and griping about the company itself.

The complaints highlight an irony for Web sites that stimulate online communities and let users speak their minds.

As the sites make the world more transparent, giving people the power to discuss everything from a great pizza to a bad date, the sites' own transparency is often questionable, as consumers and businesses struggle to understand how they operate. This tug of war has become increasingly public with the

explosive popularity of social Web sites like Facebook, Twitter and MySpace, as well as niche sites like Yelp, which has more than 5 million reviews on establishments in dozens of cities.

Properly balancing the interests of various constituencies — and retaining their loyalty, perhaps through improved channels of communications — will prove key to whether the sites can grow into vibrant, moneymaking operations for years to come.

Many sites have expanded so fast that explanations about what they are doing often come late — after their users have had plenty of time to air complaints. Facebook has felt such growing pains, and now Yelp is, too.

One big gripe from businesses that get reviewed on Yelp is that they don't quite get how

it works.

For instance, some wonder why users' reviews can seemingly mysteriously disappear from Yelp's pages about a business. This irks Leslie Tagorda, owner of a San Francisco-based Web design company, Flair-Designs. She has noticed reviews vanish from the Flair-Designs page on Yelp over the past two years. This worries her because the more reviews she has, the more calls she gets from potential clients, she said.

When she first noticed reviews disappearing, Tagorda contacted clients who had written the comments, to see whether they had deleted them.

They said they had not.

She e-mailed Yelp and was directed to the business

owners' section of the site. Not satisfied, she aired her issues by writing a review of Yelp itself on Yelp's business page, giving the site two out of a possible five stars.

She wrote that although she likes using Yelp as a consumer, as a business owner "Yelp just about 'sucks it.'"

At last she got a more personal message from Yelp's chief executive and co-founder, Jeremy Stoppelman.

He explained that consumer reviews may be removed by an automated program that is designed to filter out reviews the site considers untrustworthy, such as sniping that a pizzeria owner might write about a competitor.

Tagorda was satisfied with Stoppelman's response but still wanted people to see

what she felt were legitimate reviews that Yelp had hidden. So Tagorda put up a post on Yelp about her own business, indicating the names of users whose Flair-Designs reviews have disappeared.

If you search for those users, you might be able to find their reviews of Flair-Designs under their personal profiles.

So far, her post about Yelp has stayed up, and she recently added a star to that review, updating it to say she's "becoming a little happier with Yelp as a business owner." Still, the whole episode has her feeling murky about the site.

"I think they should be clearer about how reviews are displayed on people's profiles and what happens with bad reviews," she said. □

Recession casts shadow over video game conference

The video game industry is holding up, but the gloom of the recession will be on the minds of thousands of people at this week's Game Developers Conference in San Francisco, a key event for video game insiders looking to learn new skills, showcase innovations and if they're lucky enough, find work. Bolstered by an ever-expanding audience that is turning to games for cheaper entertainment, video games are benefiting in some ways from the economic turmoil. Yet the industry is not completely immune, with layoffs and closings of studios that produce games. Electronic Arts Inc., the game publisher behind the "Madden" football series, is cutting 1,000 jobs, most by the end of this month.

Meggan Scavio, the Game Developers Conference's event director, expects attendance to be slightly down this year from last year's 18,000 people. When game studios cut back, she noted, travel and training budgets are among the first to go. She also expects fewer, more informal parties.

"It's kind of like let's celebrate, but do it quietly," she said.

Even amid the recession's pall, this is a fertile time for video games. Blockbuster games with intricate story lines and movie-quality graphics have become popular entertainment for millions. Technological advancements like digital distribution are making it easier for new developers to get their games into players' hands. People are playing games on more platforms than ever — on their mobile phones and handheld systems, on social networks like Facebook and on consoles not just in their living rooms but in bars and retirement homes.

In 2008, Americans spent more than \$21 billion on video game hardware, software and accessories, up from \$18 billion in 2007, according to market researcher NPD Group. And sales continued to rise in January and February of this year.

However, while people are still buying a lot of games, the industry's explosive growth now means there's more competition. Consumers are looking more carefully at which games they want to spend money on. And mindful of the recession, stores are watching their inventories carefully, reluctant to offer too much shelf space to games that aren't going to be hits. □

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Combo Screening Doesn't Spot Early Ovarian Cancer

By Steven Reinberg
HealthDay Reporter

A screening regimen that combines ultrasound and a blood test to detect CA125, a marker for ovarian cancer, fails to discover the cancer in its early stages and often results in unnecessary surgery, a new study shows.

This finding contrasts with another recent study that found that these same two tests did find early cancer. Taken together, experts say these studies highlight the need to find an effective screening method for this deadly cancer, which is often called the "silent killer."

"The jury is still out on the efficacy of screening with CA125 and transvaginal ultrasound in terms of reducing the mortality rate of ovarian cancer," said lead researcher Dr. Edward Partridge, director of the University of Alabama Birmingham Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"In this study, we do not have mortality data on the screening versus the non-screening group, so no conclusions can be made of the impact of screening with CA125 and transvaginal ultrasound," he

added.

This study only reports data on women who were screened, Partridge noted. "We learned that the positive predictive value for the combination of tests is pretty low -- in the 1 to 1.3 percent range," he said. "A substantial number of the tests are false positives."

In addition, screening with transvaginal ultrasound lead to a higher rate of surgery for positive findings than positive CA125, Partridge said. "Transvaginal ultrasound leads to more 'unnecessary' surgeries," he said.

And a high percentage of the cancers detected through screening were late-stage malignancies, Partridge said. "If you detect them at a late stage, it is unlikely that you are going to impact mortality," he said. "In order to affect mortality, one has to detect them at an earlier stage."

The report is published in the April issue of *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

For the study, Partridge's team collected data on 34,261 women who underwent annual screening for CA125 and also had transvaginal ultrasound.

The researchers found

that over the four years of screening, transvaginal ultrasound produced more positive findings for cancer than CA125 screening. In fact, CA125 positive tests decreased from 60 percent in the first year to 34 percent in the third year. Of the 89 invasive ovarian cancers diagnosed, 60 were detected through screening. In addition, 72 percent of the screen-detected cancer were late-stage cancers, the researchers reported.

Partridge noted that even detecting cancer early may not have an impact on mortality. "In any screening trial, the ultimate test of its usefulness is does it impact mortality," he said.

Based on the findings of this study and the study published in the March 10 online edition

of *The Lancet Oncology*, this screening method will not have any effect on mortality, Partridge said. "What we need is a more sensitive and specific screening test," he said.

In that study, a British research team found that screening was able to identify most women with cancer. The combination of the blood test and ultrasound found 90 percent of the cancers, while ultrasound alone found 75 percent of the cancers.

Almost 50 percent of all the cancers found were in an early stage (stage I or II), the researchers noted. And 48 percent of the more invasive ovarian cancers detected were designated as being stage I tumors. Usually, only 28 percent of ovarian cancers are identified in this early stage, the researchers pointed out.

Dr. David G. Mutch, the Ira C. and Judith Gall Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Washington University, St. Louis, and author of an accompanying journal editorial, agreed there is no worthwhile screening test for ovarian cancer as yet.

"Patients who were screened presented at the same stage as they would have if they were unscreened," Mutch said. "There is no good screening test at this point."

Mutch added that there is no reason to screen for ovarian cancer in the general population at this point. "The prevalence of the diseases is so low, one in 2,500, and the specificity of the tests are so low, that we are going to operate on a lot of patients unnecessarily," he said. □

Most New EMS Recruits Overweight or Obese

More than 75 percent of candidates for fire and ambulance services in Massachusetts are either overweight or obese, a situation that has major consequences for public health and safety, researchers say.

"First, cardiovascular disease and musculoskeletal injury are important causes of [disability and death] in emergency responders, and excess body fat is associated with higher risk for both. Second, because of the nature of emergency response work, any health condition suddenly incapacitating an emergency responder also potentially compromises the safety of his or her co-workers and the community," lead author Antonios Tsismenakis, a second-year medical student at Boston University School of Medicine, said in a news release.

A team from BUSM, Boston Medical Center, Harvard University and the Cambridge Health Alliance reviewed the pre-placement medical examinations of 370 firefighter and ambulance recruits assessed at two Massachusetts clinics between October 2004 and June 2007. They found that 43.8 percent of the recruits were overweight, 33 percent were obese, and only 22 percent were normal weight. Excess weight as measured by body-mass index (BMI) was associated with higher blood pressures, worse metabolic profiles and lower exercise tolerance on treadmill stress tests, the researchers said.

While all normal-weight recruits achieved the National Fire Protection Agency's recommended minimum exercise threshold of 12 metabolic equivalents, 42 percent of obese and 7 percent of overweight recruits failed to meet the criteria. □

Protein From Yellow Peas May Lower Blood Pressure

By Alan Mozes

HealthDay Reporter

Certain proteins found in the yellow garden pea appear to help lower blood pressure and delay, control or even prevent the onset of chronic kidney disease, at least in rats, a Canadian study has found.

"What we seem to have here is sort of a natural approach to treating this disease, as opposed to the normal pharmacological approach," said the study's lead author, Rotimi E. Aluko, an associate professor in the department of human nutritional sciences at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg. "We're talking about an edible product, not a drug, which can help to reduce blood pressure and, at the same time, reduce the severely negative impact of kidney disease." Aluko and his colleagues were to present their findings Sunday at the American Chemical Society's national meeting in Salt Lake City. The study was underwritten by several Canadian government entities.

Kidney disease affects an estimated 13 percent of American adults, the authors noted, and is a notoriously difficult disease to treat, with most people eventually succumbing to cardiovascular complications from high blood pressure linked to kidney malfunction. Because of this, the researchers focused on the potential effect on blood pressure that might come from peas, long-heralded as a cholesterol-free source of fiber and protein.

After purifying a mix of yellow garden pea proteins, collectively called "pea protein hydrolysate," the researchers spent eight weeks feeding the derivative to rats that had kidney disease.

They found that blood pressure dropped 20 percent in the rats treated with the pea protein mixture, compared with the blood pressure of untreated rats.

They also found that urine production, which

can be severely curtailed by kidney function breakdown, improved by upwards of 30 percent among the treated rats.

Despite the positive findings, the researchers do not advocate the ad hoc consumption of yellow green peas. They explained that a complex protein purification process is needed to activate what is otherwise a dormant vegetable benefit.

The pea protein would need to be mixed with certain enzymes into a food additive or nutritional supplement in liquid or pill form. In that form, Aluko said, it might be easier to tolerate than blood pressure drugs, given the pea protein's natural sourcing. A natural treatment, he said, would also eliminate the risk for overdosing.

He said that human trials are underway and that, if successful, a pea-based therapy might be available in two to three years.

Dr. George Bakris, director of the hypertensive diseases unit at the University of Chicago, described the finding as "fascinating."

"This is not the first time that the secret to blood pressure control has been found in Mother Nature," Bakris noted. "Ten years ago, a substance was isolated in celery, for example, that also had a controlling effect. But here what they seem to have shown is that there is a substance in this pea, when cleaved, which works in a similar fashion to the ACE inhibitors that have been out for the last 25 years. So basically, they have a natural substance that works like standard drugs we know a lot about."

"Of course, we have to see what the human studies show," Bakris cautioned. "But if the results are as compelling as they were in animals, then this would potentially be a very reassuring, exciting and positive development as it is certainly very difficult to control blood pressure in people with kidney disease." □

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PMZ Real Estate Agent Michelle Zeiter, left, walks into a bank owned home she is showing to clients Maurice McJimsey, center, and Irene Mello in Stockton, Calif., Friday, March 13, 2009. The National Association of Realtors said Monday, March 23, sales of existing homes rose from January to February in an unexpected boost for the slumping U.S. housing market as buyers took advantage of deep discounts on foreclosures.

(AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez)

February home sales rise as prices sink

By ALAN ZIBEL,
AP Real Estate Writer

WASHINGTON — One month does not a recovery make. But a surprising leap in existing home sales in February was a welcome if tentative sign of hope that the real estate market may be stabilizing. While sales of existing homes remain at lows not seen in more than a decade, economists were encouraged by the news, saying it reflected buyers who were taking advantage of deep discounts on foreclosures and other distressed properties. That's essential if home prices are to find their long-awaited bottom.

Prices plunged by almost 16 percent from a year ago in February and are expected to keep falling well into 2009. Tens of thousands of homes remain tied up in the foreclosure process and are not yet for sale. Plus, as the recession deepens and job losses mount, many buyers are likely to stay on the sidelines.

"The four-letter word in the housing market is 'jobs,'" said Nicolas Retsinas, director of Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies. "If you're worried about having a job tomorrow, you're not likely to buy a home now."

Sheryl Morgan, a real estate agent in Canonsburg, Pa., about 20 miles south of Pittsburgh, recently lost two potential clients after strapped local employers cut back on pay. "Instead of selling and buying a new home, they're staying and refinancing," she said.

The National Association of Realtors said Monday that sales of existing homes grew 5.1 percent to an annual rate of 4.72 million last month, from 4.49 million units in January.

It was the largest monthly sales jump since July 2003, with first-time buyers accounting for about half of all transactions. Home sales activity has returned to December's levels, but still remains lower than most of last year.

Without adjusting for seasonal factors, though, sales nationwide were down more than 10 percent from a year earlier. The West was the only part of the country to show increased sales, rising nearly 24 percent from a year earlier.

February's sales figures don't reflect the new \$8,000 tax credit designed to lure even more first-time buyers into the market. However, the credit has begun to attract buyers like Mindy Robbins, 30, of Billings, Mont.

Robbins, who is scheduled to close next month on a \$129,000 house with three-bedroom and two baths, said, "I wanted to take advantage of the stimulus package." □

Dow up nearly 500 on bank plan, rise in home sales

By TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Wall Street got the news it wanted on the economy's biggest problems — banks and housing — and celebrated by hurtling the Dow Jones industrials up nearly 500 points. Investors added rocket fuel Monday to a two-week-old advance, cheering the government's plan to help banks remove bad assets from their books and also welcoming a report showing a surprising increase in home sales. Major stock indicators surged more than 6 percent, including the Dow, which had its biggest percentage gain since October. Although analysts were still hesitant to say Wall Street is squarely on its way to recovery after the collapse that began last fall, they said the banking and housing news bolstered the belief that the economy is starting to heal.

"It's just hard to argue that there isn't an improvement in economic activity on the horizon," said Jim Dunigan, executive vice president at PNC Wealth Management.

The market began turning around two weeks ago on news that Citigroup Inc. was operating at a profit in January and February. A spate of more upbeat economic reports helped the market build on its gains, although the rally stalled last Thursday and Friday.

Analysts said they saw more fundamental strength in Monday's buying than they saw at the start of the rally. Dave Rovelli managing director of trading at brokerage Canaccord Adams, said there appeared to be less short covering, which occurs when traders are forced to buy to cover misplaced bets that stocks would fall. Short covering contributed to the market's surge after the Citigroup news.

"There is definitely new buying," he said. Rovelli also said the approaching end of the quarter can make money managers eager to buy into a market to make the statements they send to clients look



Michael J. Sollitto, Specialist for Bank of America, and Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York Monday, March 23, 2009.

(AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

stronger.

The market shot higher at the opening and kept going. The Treasury Department said its bad asset cleanup program would tap money from the government's \$700 billion financial rescue fund and involve help from the Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the participation of private investors.

The government's announcement was what the market had waited weeks to hear. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner had announced an outline of the program last month but provided few details then about how it would work, leading to a stock plunge that sliced 380 points from the Dow. But while analysts were pleased with the market's performance Monday, they were also still cautious.

Subodh Kumar, an independent investment strategist in Toronto, said the Fed's announcement that it would buy government debt and the details on plans to help banks are giving traders hope for recovery.

"The market is shedding some of its excess pessimism. That doesn't mean the market goes straight up," he said.

Meanwhile, the National Association of Realtors' existing home sales report was overwhelmingly positive for the market although it showed a decline in home prices in February. Investors are embracing any sign that a

glut in homes for sale may be easing. Monday's data followed a dose of good housing news last week as housing starts for February came in much better than expected.

Collapsing home prices and the damage they have caused banks are at the center of the economy's current problems and are a major focus for the stock market. Banks have sharply curbed lending after becoming weighed down with loans that have gone bad, especially mortgages.

Investors had been largely disappointed in the government's efforts to date to restore the banks to health, but finally seemed encouraged by the long-awaited announcement Monday of details for the government's bad loan cleanup plan.

"The actions that we're getting from a policy standpoint are very helpful in removing the sand from the gears," said Alan Gayle, senior investment strategist at RidgeWorth Investments. "That is going to be good for the financials."

Shares of the country's largest banks, which have been pounded in recent weeks over concerns about their ability to weather the crisis, soared on Monday. Citigroup Inc. jumped 19.5 percent, and Bank of America Corp. added 26 percent.

Even banks seen as being on better footing posted big advances. JPMorgan Chase & Co. rose 25 percent, while Wells Fargo & Co. rose 24 percent. □

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Reviving cars and newspapers

By the Monitor's Editorial Board

What connects American cars and newspapers? Not much, a person might think, except perhaps when a newspaper is flung onto a driveway from a slow-moving Chevy. But even that's a fading event – which is actually what connects them. The fading. And also the need to innovate to survive.

Both autos and newspapers are foundational to the US. Detroit feeds a multitude of suppliers and dealers, leaving a big economic footprint. Newspapers do the digging upon which magazines, television, and the Internet largely rely. As watchdogs, the print media have a big civic paw print.

They're both struggling financially. This is the worst auto sales slump in the US in 27 years. General Motors and Chrysler, fighting off bankruptcy, have so far received \$17.4 billion in government loans. They've requested more.

Newspaper ad revenues are down 23 percent in the past two years. Circulation continues to drop. Nearly 1 out of 5 journalists for newspapers in 2001 is now gone, according to the "State of the News Media 2009" report by the Pew Research Center.

The commonality goes beyond being battered by a deep recession. Not just recovery but transformation is what's required here. And not just for these two businesses, but for other major sectors in America, such as financial services, healthcare, and energy.

The parallel between autos and newspapers isn't exact. It looks as if the federal government will loan more money to GM and Chrysler. No such white knight will save print media (Pew concludes that philanthropic support won't be enough to rescue the entire industry).

Autos and newspapers share points in history. Last year marked GM's 100th anniversary; same for this newspaper. In the 1970s and '80s, the two industries adopted new technology: Robots joined humans on the auto assembly line and computers replaced typewriters.

Yet these businesses only dabbled in developments that are now pushing them to change not only how they make their products, but the products they make.

Their defense might be that no one anticipated business-altering trends that have accelerated like a Ferrari. Oil prices surged and so have demands for cleaner, more efficient vehicles. Readers migrated to the Internet.

But if change came too quickly to anticipate, why did Toyota beat US automakers to the Prius hybrid? Why did Google, instead of a newspaper company, seize the opportunity to aggregate and search information on the web?

"Journalism, deluded by its profitability and fearful of technology, let others outside the industry steal chance after chance online," the Pew report states. Might not the same be generally said of Detroit? ☐

Wanted: elected leaders with international experience

By Robert Dujarric and Andy Zelleke

Tokyo; and Cambridge, Mass – As the world's leaders prepare for the G-20 meeting to discuss the economic meltdown, international cooperation is key if we are to find the road to recovery. Analysts get that. Unfortunately, many of the world's politicians don't seem to.

Why?

Part of the reason is that politicians are used to working for votes; noncitizens don't vote. Therefore, unlike corporate executives with customers, suppliers, and shareholders from the four corners of the world, politicians tend to focus narrowly. Another factor is that while global companies are free to recruit executives from many nationalities, national governments and bureaucracies limit themselves to citizens of their own country. They're just not built to think globally.

Recent decades have seen a dramatic internationalization of business elites throughout the world. So there is hope for politicians if they follow the private sector's lead.

It starts with education. More and more, corporate executives have received part of their schooling abroad. The first wave of this process brought young foreigners to America for professional or graduate degrees, but it has grown to include studying in numerous other nations. American students, previously fairly immobile, are now actively encouraged to study abroad and work overseas.

The private sector itself has evolved rapidly. Though multinationals have been around for centuries, major corporations are far more international than a few decades ago. Managers are more likely today to have been stationed overseas and to have firsthand experience working with different cultures. This is particularly visible in the United States.

Into the early 1980s, many Americans in industry, finance, and corporate law could aspire to reach the top of their organization without having to set foot outside the US. Today, ambitious young men and women in American business and law schools are expected to acquire international credentials. But politicians, in the US and throughout the world, have been left behind. If they dream of getting into politics from a young age, many see spending a year or two abroad as a waste of time,

preferring to invest their energy in the university chapters of political parties. Upon graduation, they tend to look for positions at home where they can seek the favors of powerful domestic patrons and campaign contributors.

Once they get elected to office for the first time, in local government or national parliaments, devoting their energy to understanding international affairs pales in importance compared with their local duties – except if they live in a country such as Israel where war and peace is always a front-page issue.

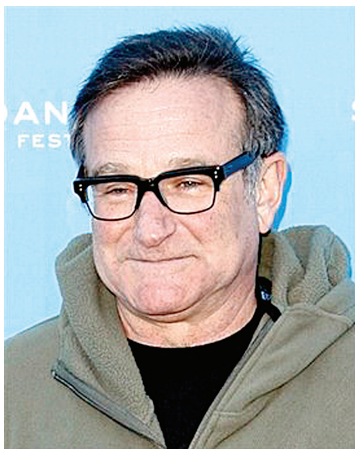
Finally, even as generational change brings to the fore increasingly cosmopolitan CEOs, it paradoxically produces more insular politicians. Europeans, Japanese, and Americans who were adults during World War II – post war statesmen as diverse as German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, Japan's former Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, and President George H.W. Bush – were forcibly "internationalized" by witnessing the costs of a failed international system. Those too young to serve but old enough to remember – the likes of German Chancellor Helmut Kohl – also understood. But today's crop of world leaders in the West and Japan, came of age in a prosperous and mostly peaceful environment where they could largely ignore international affairs. While they lived through the last decades of the cold war, for most of them it did not affect their lives directly.

The abolition of the draft in the US and other countries adds another dynamic. One inadvertent consequence of lifting the draft is that fewer politicians have overseas military experience. Indeed, many of the most cosmopolitan denizens of official Washington today are active duty or retired members of the US military – far more than their elected official counterparts.

Years later, it remains striking how little exposure George W. Bush had to the rest of the world prior to his White House years; and it's hard to avoid the inference that this was a liability in his conduct of foreign policy.

President Obama, having lived for several years in Indonesia, a distinctly different society, is a notably rare cosmopolitan exception among American politicians; but even in his case, as soon as he started his political career he had to operate in a purely domestic environment in Chicago. ☐

Williams recovering in Ohio after heart surgery



In this Jan. 18, 2009 file photo, Robin Williams arrives at the premiere of 'World's Greatest Dad' at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

(AP Photo/Matt Sayles, File)

NEW YORK — Robin Williams was recovering at the Cleveland Clinic after heart surgery that his doctors deemed successful, his publicists said Monday. The 57-year-old actor had an operation to replace an aortic valve on March 13, publicists Mara Buxbaum and Chris Kanarick said. He was expected to make a complete

recovery in the next eight weeks.

"His heart is strong and he will have normal heart function in the coming weeks with no limitations on what he'll be able to do," said Dr. A. Marc Gillinov, a cardiothoracic surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic. "A couple of hours after surgery, he was entertaining the medical team and making us all laugh."

Williams was initially treated at the University of Miami Hospital before being transferred to Cleveland. He had been in Florida earlier this month when he was forced to cancel the remainder of his one-man comedy show, "Weapons of Self-Destruction," after experiencing shortness of breath. Williams, whose sold-out, multi-city tour is expected to resume in the fall, thanked staff at both hospitals.

"I can't thank them enough for their kindness and dedication while I was in their care," he said in a statement. □

Five Reasons Julia Roberts Is Too Old (or Not)



Joal Ryan

Los Angeles (E! Online) — Is Julia Roberts too old?

On the occasion of the Friday release of *Duplicity*, Roberts' first true star vehicle since before 9/11, we ran the numbers, and, well, it sorta turned out *Newsweek's* "Hollywood ancient" assessment was spot-on. The 41-year-old Roberts, the stats say, is past her box-office prime. Unless she's not. Which the stats also say, provided you listen carefully.

First things first—the reasons why Roberts' career should be fitted for support hose:

1. If You're a Woman in Hollywood, You're Toast Even Before the First Botox Treatment: Using Box Office Mojo stats, we looked at the career box-office performances of 10 lead actresses and 10 lead actors who, like Roberts, turned 40 this past decade. The women

enjoyed the biggest hits of their careers, on average, at 33.7. The men reached their peak nearly three years later. Did we mention Roberts is now 41?

2. Make That, Really, Really Burned Toast: Since hitting the age that shall not be mentioned, the films of Jennifer Aniston, Halle Berry, Sandra Bullock, Ashley Judd, Nicole Kidman, Demi Moore, Sarah Jessica Parker, Meg Ryan, Naomi Watts and Roberts have cumulatively averaged \$38 million—about 17 percent below their overall combined career marks.

Jim Carrey, George Clooney, Tom Cruise, Johnny Depp, Eddie Murphy, Brad Pitt, Keanu Reeves, Adam Sandler, Will Smith and Ben Stiller, on the other hand, cashed in after their 40th birthdays, thanks to animated films and blockbuster franchises, averaging \$106.1 million per film after the middle-aged milestone versus \$82.5 million for their entire careers. That's an increase—an increase—of nearly 30 percent.

3. Seriously, Like the Kind of Toast That's Only Good for Bread Crumbs. Or Pigeons: Of the surveyed women, only two have grossed above their career averages after hitting 40: Aniston

and Parker. The exact opposite is true for the men, where only two haven't gotten bigger, post-40: Reeves and Smith.

Given all this then, Roberts' new movie is going to tank, no? No, not necessarily—because of the two reasons why Roberts' career will continue to thrive minus the assistance of a Rascal scooter:

4. She Is Julia Roberts: "The thing about Julia," says *Women & Hollywood* blogger Melissa Silverstein, "is she's an anomaly." Domestically, Roberts' movies have grossed \$2.3 billion, more than any other actress, and more than all but 11 actors. If you moved her stats over to the male side of the ledger, where they actually match up better, you would reasonably expect her career to grow over the next few years.

5. She Is Not About to Get Buried by a Bromance. (Probably.): Exhibitor Relations box-office analyst Jeff Bock says *Duplicity* is expected to open with a respectable \$15-20 million and find itself in a tight, three-way race for No. 1 against *I Love You, Man* and *Knowing*, the thriller starring the fortysomething Nicolas Cage. Bock gives the edge to the guy comedy *I Love You, Man*. But he doesn't discount Roberts. □

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At Papillon Restaurant in The Village

Henri Charrière would have had the time of his life



PALM BEACH - Henri Charrière, one of the world's most famous prisoners, would surely have had the time of his life at Papillon Restaurant in The Village, across from the Radisson Resort. Nicknamed Papillon because of the butterfly tattoo on his chest, the Frenchman was the first convict to escape from Devil's Island, something that nobody had ever done before. Charrière's thrilling, gripping autobiography has been the concept behind Papillon Restaurant. The décor, the decorations and especially the restrooms wink

at the thirteen terrible years Papillon spent in prison in French Guyana.

Papillon Restaurant's menu reflects the Frenchman's arduous journey to freedom: classic French dishes have been dusted with daring Caribbean flair and are a culinary journey for your taste buds. The spacious outside terrace is perfect for casual fine dining; the

iron bars, flecks of rust and stains on the walls make one very glad not to be in Papillon's shoes in the 1940's! Charrière would undoubtedly have loved 'his' place on Aruba: this is luxury living for anyone!

Papillon's opening hours are from 5 pm until midnight. The restaurant's daily specials will be explained by the staff. For reservations, please call 5865400.



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The Brazilian-style steakhouse also offers up a garden full of healthy eats on a lavish 40-item seasonal salad bar, giving dieters plenty to choose from to accompany the

slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be standard for most salad bars, but Texas de Brazil's version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, homemade soups, and much more.

The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, Texas de Brazil will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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Alaska volcano Mount Redoubt erupts 5 times



This March 15, 2009, photo released by the Alaska Volcano Observatory / U.S. Geological Survey shows Mount Redoubt looking south at the north flank near Kenai, Alaska. The volcano erupted three times starting Sunday night March 22, 2009, sending an ash cloud an estimated 50,000 feet into the air. The Ash cloud is expected to reach the Susitna Valley including Talkeetna, and Willow about 90 miles north of Anchorage.

Associated Press

White House takes on bad bank assets

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration took on America's lending paralysis, announcing its plan Monday to take over up to \$1 trillion in sour mortgage securities with help from private investors. Major stock indicators surged more than 6 percent, but the program still could face some resistance from a bailout-weary public and lawmakers, and from wary investors. It debuts after a week of Wall Street-bashing in Congress, where lawmakers were outraged over troubled insurance company American International Group Inc. paying \$165 million in bonuses after taking billions in government rescue funds to stay afloat.

President Barack Obama told reporters Monday his economic team was "very confident" the rescue plan would work and that taxpayers



President Barack Obama smiles in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, Monday, March 23, 2009. Joining him, from left are, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, the president, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Chair Sheila Bair.

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would share both in the upside of the plan as well as the burden of any losses.

The goal, Obama said, is to get banks lending again, so "families can get basic consumer loans, auto loans,

student loans, (and so) that small businesses are able to finance themselves, and we can start getting this economy moving again."

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Icing, overload are questions in crash probe



Officials investigate the scene of fatal plane crash outside the Butte Airport in Butte, Mont., on Sunday, March 22, 2009.

Associated Press

By JOAN LOWY and MATT GOURAS

Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Speculation over what caused the crash of a single-engine plane into a Montana cemetery shifted Monday to possible ice on the wings after it became less likely that overloading was to blame.

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Israeli soldiers' shirts joke about killing Arabs

By MATTI FRIEDMAN

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli soldiers wore T-shirts with a pregnant woman in the cross-hairs of a rifle and the slogan "1 Shot 2 Kills," adding to a growing furor in the country over allegations of misconduct by troops during the Gaza war.

"The smaller they are, the harder it is," says another shirt showing a child in a gun sight. Soldiers wore the shirts to mark the end of basic training and other military courses. They were first reported by the Haaretz daily.

The military condemned the soldiers involved, and it was not immediately clear how many wore the shirts. They were not manufactured or sanctioned by the military, and it was not clear how widely they were distributed.

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In this photo taken March 16, 2009, an Israeli model poses with a T-shirt with Hebrew that reads 'Sniper platoon' in Tel Aviv. Israel's military on Monday condemned T-shirts worn by soldiers that depict scenes of violence against Palestinians as the army faces increasing domestic criticism over its conduct during the recent Gaza war.

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Senate looks into expanding AmeriCorps program



First lady Michelle Obama visits students with the YouthBuild AmeriCorps community service program who gathered on the National Mall in Washington, Tuesday, March 17, 2009, to celebrate their 30th anniversary by building an affordable, energy-efficient house. At left is YouthBuild's founder Dorothy Stoneman.

Associated Press

By ANN SANNER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON—The Senate agreed Monday to take up legislation to triple the size of the AmeriCorps program and open up opportunities

for more people to serve their communities.

Lawmakers voted 74-14 to move to the legislation that would expand AmeriCorps from its current 75,000 positions to 250,000 over the

course of eight years. Sixty votes were needed to bring the bill to the floor. The measure is expected to come up for a final vote in the Senate sometime this week.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., who is being treated for brain cancer, made a rare appearance on the Senate floor to vote for the bill that he co-sponsored with Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. Kennedy's office said he is expected to be on Capitol Hill until Congress goes on recess April 4.

The legislation would also create five groups to help poor people, improve education, encourage energy efficiency, strengthen access to health care and assist veterans.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski, a Maryland Democrat, said the proposal is an investment that "will pay dividends long beyond anything that we can imagine."

The House last week passed

a similar bill to add 175,000 participants to AmeriCorps and other national service programs. President Barack Obama backs the legislation and has said he is eager for Congress to pass a bill so he can sign it.

Both bills would set up a fund to help nonprofit organizations recruit more volunteers and establish a Summer of Service program for middle and high school students, who would earn a \$500 education award. Each measure would also create fellowships for older people who get involved in public service. Both would also increase the education awards of AmeriCorps participants, whose work ranges from teaching young people to responding to disasters.

After completing their service, AmeriCorps participants can receive up to \$4,725 to help pay for college or pay off student loans.

The Senate and House bills would increase that award to \$5,350 and require that it match any future increases in Pell Grant scholarships. Unlike the House bill, the Senate version would allow older AmeriCorps members to transfer their education awards to their children or grandchildren.

Some AmeriCorps participants get a living stipend while they are working for 10 to 12 months. The stipend ranges from \$11,400 to \$22,800 for the year. Most participants, who are predominantly 18 to 26, get \$11,800.

The Senate measure is slated to cost \$5.7 billion over five years, while the House version is an estimated \$6 billion over five years. Obama's proposed budget for next year calls for more than \$1.1 billion for national service programs, an increase of more than \$210 million. □



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ICING OVERLOAD

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All 14 people on board were killed, half of them small children.

While descending Sunday in preparation for landing at the Bert Mooney Airport in Butte, Montana, the turboprop plane passed through a layer of air at about 1,500 feet that was conducive to icing because the temperatures were below freezing and the air "had 100 percent relative humidity or was saturated," according to AccuWeather.com, a forecasting service in State College, Pennsylvania.

Safety experts said similar icing condition existed when a Continental Airlines twin-engine turboprop crashed into a home near Buffalo Niagara International Airport last month, killing 50.

A possible aerodynamic stall in which ice causes the plane to lose lift, and the pilot's reaction to it, has been the focus of the Buffalo investigation.

"It's Buffalo all over again, or it could be," said John Goglia, a former member of the National

Transportation Safety Board. "Icing, given those conditions, is certainly going to be high on the list of things to look at for the investigators."

Mark Rosenker, acting NTSB chairman, told reporters in Montana that investigators would look at icing on the wings as a factor.

"We will be looking at everything as it relates to the weather," he said.

The single-engine plane, designed to carry 10 people, crashed 500 feet short of the Montana airport runway Sunday, nose-diving into a cemetery and killing seven adults and seven children aboard. Relatives said the victims were headed to an exclusive resort on a ski vacation, and gave the children's ages as 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9, plus two 4-year-olds.

Safety experts said finding the cause of the crash is likely to be significantly complicated by the absence of either a cockpit voice recorder or a flight data recorder; neither is required for smaller aircraft that don't fly commercial passengers.

Hours after the crash, federal investigators had focused on overloading as a possible cause.

"It will take us a while to understand," Rosenker said. "We have to get the weights of all the passengers, we have to get the weight of the fuel, all of the luggage."

Goglia said the Pilatus has a powerful engine for its size and is unlikely to be affected by the additional weight of a few children "unless they had an awful lot of baggage."

One key in the Butte crash will be whether the pilot had changed the position of the aircraft's wing flaps for landing because changing the configuration of the wings by moving the flaps is where icing problems often show up, said Peter Goelz, a former NTSB managing director.

The last radio communication from the turboprop's pilot was with the Salt Lake City center when the plane was about 12 miles from Butte, said Doug Church, a spokesman for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association. The pilot told



Members of North Dakota Air and Army National Guard units fill sand bags at Fargo's city garage Saturday, March 21, 2009 in Fargo, N.D. The city of Fargo is racing to fill 1.5 million sandbags to prepare for record flooding as a nearby river is expected to crest more than 20 feet above flood stage.

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controllers he intended to land at Butte using visual landing procedures rather than relying on instruments, which is not unusual, Church said.

Rosenker confirmed that the pilot said nothing to controllers to indicate he was having trouble, including during radio conversations earlier in the flight when the pilot notified controllers he

intended to divert from the flight's original destination of Bozeman, Montana, to Butte.

"We don't know the reason for the requested change to the flight plan," Church said. "We don't know whether weather was a factor in Bozeman."

There was no apparent reason given for the change in flight plan from Bozeman to Butte. □

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Poll: Miami Cuban voters still support U.S. embargo



FILE ** In this June 29, 2007 file photo, Cuba's then acting President Raul Castro, right, stands with Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque during a session of the National Assembly of Popular Power in Havana. President Raul Castro abruptly removed some of Cuba's most powerful officials on Monday, March 2, 2009, including Perez Roque, putting a personal stamp on the government in the biggest shakeup since he took over from his ailing brother Fidel Castro a year ago.

Associated Press

By JENNIFER KAY

Associated Press Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Cuban-American voters in the Miami area remain dominated by an older generation with more extreme views on U.S.-Cuba foreign policy, including

support for the U.S. embargo against their communist homeland, according to an exit poll taken during the 2008 election.

The University of Miami's Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies published

its poll results Friday.

The 48-year-old embargo against Cuba should be kept the same or even tightened, according to 57 percent of the Cuban-American voters interviewed in Miami-Dade County during early voting and on Election Day last November.

Younger Cuban-Americans and recent Cuban immigrants may have more moderate or even liberal attitudes toward the sanctions, but they are less likely to vote, said University of Miami political science professor Casey Klofstad, one of the poll's four authors.

The poll did show some thawing in the community, though. A similar 2004 exit poll of Cuban-American voters in Miami-Dade showed that 64 percent supported tightening the embargo and 53 would have tightened U.S. travel restrictions to Cuba.

"Those people shifted to thinking that the present state of the restrictions is satisfactory, that they should be kept about the same," said co-author Ben Bishin, a political science professor at

the University of California, Riverside. He also co-authored the 2004 exit poll.

The thaw is easier to see than to explain. In 2004, Fidel Castro was still in power in Havana. Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry also proposed lifting restrictions for all travel to Cuba, not just for Cuban-Americans.

"We can't tell if that's a result of Fidel transferring power to (his brother) Raul or that the economy was the most important issue in 2008," Bishin said.

"The other thing is Obama's promises for changing U.S.-Cuba policy were much more measured than John Kerry's." The 2008 exit poll showed 53 percent of the Cuban-American voters supported keeping or tightening the travel ban.

Those restrictions have changed since Election Day. President Barack Obama earlier this month signed a \$410 billion spending bill that rolled back Bush administration limits on Cuban-Americans visiting their relatives on the island. The bill effectively

allows visits once a year, removes restrictions on how long people can stay in Cuba and permits spending up to \$179 a day. However, the changes only remain in effect until the fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

Obama carried Miami-Dade County with 58 percent of the vote. However, two staunchly Republican brothers known in the county for their unwavering support of the Cuban embargo were re-elected to Congress over Democratic challengers who said it was time to focus more on the U.S. economy and the war in Iraq than on Cuba.

About 795,000 Cubans live in Miami-Dade County, according to U.S. Census data from 2007, the most recent estimates available.

The poll's response rate was 56 percent. The poll's overall sample size was 2,399 with a margin of error of 2 percentage points. The margin of error for just the Cuban-American respondents was 3.7 percentage points, and 2.3 percentage points for non-Cubans. □

BANK ASSETS

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The program was not the first such attempt by the new administration to revitalize an economy mired in recession. The original bank bailout plan by the Bush administration met with stiff resistance from its own Republican Party, and when Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner later announced his own plan it was shot down for being vague on details.

Geithner counseled patience Monday, saying work to rehabilitate the banking and financial industry has to go forward despite "deep anger and outrage" over bad lending and investment practices.

Monday's announcement came ahead of a summit next week in London of 20 major and developing economies struggling with the global recession.

Obama is trying to get other wealthy countries to do more to stimulate their economies with government spending, as the United States has done. However, some, particularly in Europe, are resisting calls for more stimulus funding and would prefer to see more internationally coordinated bank regulation.

Geithner's banking plan will use low-interest loans and between \$75 billion to \$100 billion of what's left of the government's \$700 billion bailout fund to entice private sector investors to initially buy about \$500 billion in toxic assets — taking them off the books of the nation's banks.

The administration also said the initial effort could grow to \$1 trillion, as the program proves successful in attacking the problem that has stifled bank lending to consumers and business, compounding the worsening global downturn.

"The good news is that we have one more critical element in our recovery," said Obama, surrounded in the Cabinet room by leaders of his economic team. "But we've still got a long way to go."

He also downplayed expectations for a quick fix.

"It's not going to happen overnight. But we think that we are moving in the right direction," the president said.

At the same time, Obama said the economy was beginning to show "glimmers of hope" in the housing market, where the bursting real estate bubble last year set in motion the financial crisis that nearly brought the system to collapse.

Treasury officials had no firm forecast on when the government would begin making the asset purchases although market expectations were that the process could begin within weeks.

"We're moving as quickly as we can," Geithner said in an interview on CNBC.

The treasury secretary has a lot personally tied to the success of the new program. Geithner's performance in the Cabinet, including his slowness in learning about multimillion dollar executive bonuses paid by AIG after taking bailout money, has been severely criticized by some in Congress.

On Monday, banking officials praised the outlines of the program and expressed optimism that it will work.

"We are very supportive," said Scott Talbott, senior vice president of government affairs for the Financial Services Roundtable. "We think it is a useful tool in the arsenal against liquidity problems."

In a lengthy fact sheet on the bank rescue plan, the

administration said it expects participation from a broad array of private sources, ranging from pension funds to insurance companies and other long-term investors.

The Federal Reserve, which is the U.S. central bank, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., an independent agency of the government that backs bank deposits, will have large roles in putting up the needed cash.

Under a typical transaction, for every \$100 in soured mortgages being purchased from banks, the private sector would put up \$7 and that would be matched by \$7 from the government. The remaining \$86 would be covered by a government loan provided in many cases by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

Geithner defended the decision to have the government carry so much of the risk. He said the alternative would have been to do nothing and risk a more prolonged recession or have the government carry all of the risk.

Geithner wrote in Monday's Wall Street Journal that the new bank program aimed to "resolve the crisis as quickly and effectively as possible at the least cost to the taxpayer. ... Simply hoping for banks to work these assets off over time risks prolonging the crisis."

The government has been struggling since the credit crisis hit last fall to find a way to sop up the bad assets.

The Geithner banking plan was designed to resolve the vexing problems of how to price the bad bank assets while showing the government has sufficient capital to make a difference. □

Blizzard shuts down parts of Wyoming, South Dakota

By BOB MOEN

Associated Press Writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A blizzard shut down major highways Monday in Wyoming and South Dakota, and meteorologists said one mountainous area might get as much as 40 inches of snow. Mount Rushmore National Memorial closed because of the icy, blinding weather in South Dakota's rugged Black Hills. Temperature plummeted as the storm moved eastward and wind gusted to more than 60 mph.

Some residents of hard-hit northeast Wyoming said they had heeded forecasts and stocked up on groceries.

"We are well prepared for a day or two of blizzard conditions," Marcia Shanks said in a telephone interview from her home in Gillette. The National Weather Service posted a blizzard warning for eastern Wyoming and western sections of South Dakota and Nebraska, with a winter storm warning for much of central Wyoming and mountain sections of Colorado.

While the western part of Nebraska got snow on Monday, several tornadoes reportedly touched down in the north-central and eastern parts of the state. Doug Ahlberg, the emergency manager for Lancaster County, said his office was surveying damage at 11 locations in the greater Lincoln area.

Five people were injured in a car that was apparently hit by debris from a storm-damaged building, said Logan Lueking, a spokesman for the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. The extent of the injuries was unknown.

Strong winds toppled 13 vehicles in central Kansas on Monday, mostly tractor-trailers that overturned on Interstate 70, said Lt. Mike Murphy of the Kansas Highway Patrol. Several people were taken to hospitals with injuries.

Wyoming shut down a 290-mile stretch of Interstate 25 from Cheyenne to Buffalo and a 165-mile section of Interstate 90 between Sheridan and the Wyoming state line because of snow. South Dakota closed the gates on a 250-mile stretch of

I-90 from the Wyoming state line to Chamberlain. Parts of I-80 in southeast Wyoming also were closed.

"There were places of maybe one-vehicle length visibility, just absolutely whiteout conditions," said David King, emergency management coordinator for Campbell County in northeast Wyoming.

A Wyoming Highway Patrol dispatcher said a one-vehicle rollover on I-80 left one person dead. It wasn't known if weather was a factor.

A snowstorm in Colorado's high country led to multiple accidents Monday on Interstate 70 over Vail Pass, closing the stretch for several hours.

Poor visibility and heavy drifting forced the South Dakota Department of Transportation to pull its snowplows off the roads Monday afternoon in several counties. The department said its plows would be back out Tuesday morning if conditions allow.

No-travel advisories were issued for parts of central and

northeast Wyoming, northwest South Dakota and southwest North Dakota. Colorado closed about 30 miles of state highway in that state's northeast corner.

Numerous schools called off classes altogether or closed early.

The weather service said accumulations of up to 20 inches were possible in parts of Wyoming and northwest South Dakota, but 30 to 40 inches was possible in the northern Black Hills, where Rapid City, S.D., recorded a gust to 63 mph.

Up to 18 inches of snow was forecast from southwest North Dakota to the north-central part of the state, according to the weather service.

The heavy, wet snow is expected along with thunder and lightning, a phenomenon called thundersnow, meteorologist Joshua Scheck said.

In Wyoming, about 10 inches of snow fell in Gillette and about 8 inches in Casper by Monday afternoon. Casper Mountain, just outside Casper,



A cyclist rides his bike through a snow storm in Crested Butte, Colo. on Monday, March 23, 2009. The National Weather Service posted a blizzard warning for eastern Wyoming and western sections of South Dakota and Nebraska, with a winter storm warning for much of central Wyoming and mountain sections of Colorado.

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had 19 inches. Winds gusting to 50 mph built 4-foot drifts. The Gillette-Campbell County Airport shut down operations, and the Gillette News-Record canceled its Monday afternoon print edition because of the storm.

Several counties opened emergency shelters for stranded travelers. In eastern Wyoming, about 100 people sought refuge at the National Guard armory in Wheatland,

said Jane Carlson, emergency management coordinator for Platte County.

"We do have cots and some mattresses. They're not the most comfortable in the world. We do provide coffee and water for them, and we do have (packaged food)," Carlson said. The storm was fueled by moist air flowing in from the south and much colder air from the north, the weather service said. □

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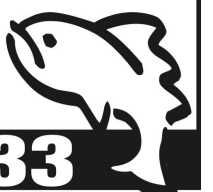
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People read Granma and Juventud Rebelde newspapers at a street in Havana, Thursday, March 5, 2009. Two of Cuba's most prominent officials have resigned from all Communist Party and government posts after they were removed from the Cabinet and criticized by Fidel Castro, according to letters published Thursday in the state press.

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HAVANA (AP) — Cuba's a defeat for the communist state-controlled media on government's foes that still Monday downplayed eased left Washington's 47-year-old U.S. rules on family ties with trade embargo intact. Cuba, calling the measure The article in the Communist

Cuba: US embargo 'still standing' despite new law

Party newspaper Granma was the first official mention of the Cuba clauses in a package signed into law by President Barack Obama on March 11 — nearly two weeks prior. The law rolled back limits on family travel and remittances imposed by the Bush Administration, effectively allowing Americans with relatives in Cuba to visit once a year, stay as long as they wish and spend up to \$179 a day. The changes only remain

in effect until the fiscal year ends Sept. 30. Granma said the changes “represent the first setback for the anti-Cuban mafia and its representatives in Congress,” but added that “in practice, they don't affect the siege that successive administrations have maintained against our people.” U.S. law still bars most trade with and travel to Cuba. “These steps don't restore the rights of Cuban residents

of the United States to travel freely to Cuba or approve the rights of citizens of that country to visit a neighboring island,” it said. President Barack Obama has said he is open to talks with Cuban leaders, though he said he does not yet favor lifting the U.S. embargo. Cuban officials have sometimes criticized Obama, but have been far less hostile than they were toward ex-President George W. Bush

ISRAELI

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The shirts “are not in accordance with IDF values and are simply tasteless,” the military said in a statement. “This type of humor is unbecoming and should be condemned.” The army said it would not tolerate such behavior and would take disciplinary action against the soldiers involved.

Haaretz showed pictures of five shirts and said they were made at the unit level — indicating that they were made for small numbers of troops, perhaps several dozen, at a time. It said they were worn by an unknown number of enlisted men in different units. The Tel Aviv factory that made many of the shirts, Adiv, refused to comment.

Few people in the Palestinian territories appeared to be aware of the T-shirts. In Gaza, Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum said it “reflects the brutal mentality among the Zionist soldiers and the Zionist society.”

Hamas-controlled media consistently glorify attacks on Israelis, and cartoons in Palestinian newspapers frequently use classic anti-Semitic images of Jews as hook-nosed, black-hatted, wily and unscrupulous characters out to rule the world and oppress Arabs.

The Islamic militant group's TV station ran a children's show in which a Mickey Mouse knockoff fulminated about Israel before it was killed by a purported Israeli agent. Hamas also mocked Israeli suffering over its attacks, staging a play about its capture of an Israeli soldier in which it makes fun of the serviceman crying for his mother and father.

Israel's military has come under increasing scrutiny after unidentified soldiers alleged that some troops opened fire hastily and killed Palestinian civilians during the Gaza war several months ago, including children, possibly because they believed they would not be held accountable under relaxed open-fire regulations.

The military has ordered a criminal inquiry into soldiers accounts published in a military institute's newsletter.

On Monday, the military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, defended his troops.

“I tell you that this is a moral and ideological

army. I have no doubt that exceptional events will be dealt with,” Ashkenazi told new recruits. Gaza “is a complex atmosphere that includes civilians, and we took every measure possible to reduce harm to the innocent.”

The three-week Gaza offensive, launched to end years of rocket fire at Israeli towns, ended on Jan. 18. According to Palestinian officials, around 1,400 Palestinians were killed, most of them civilians. Thirteen Israelis died, three of them civilians.

Hamas and other Palestinian militant groups fire rockets from heavily populated areas, and Israel says Hamas is to blame for the civilian deaths because it leaves the military no choice but to attack them there.

U.N. human rights experts said Monday that Israeli soldiers used an 11-year-old Palestinian boy as a human shield during the Gaza offensive.

The military ordered the boy on Jan. 15 to walk in front of soldiers being fired on in a Gaza neighborhood and enter buildings before them, said Radhika Coomaraswamy, the U.N. secretary-general's envoy for protecting children in armed conflict.

Israeli army spokesman Capt. Elie Isaacson denied that the military used human shields, saying “morals and high ethical standards are paramount” in the army.

Uzi Dayan, a former Israeli deputy chief of staff, said he was “shocked but not surprised” by the T-shirts.

“I spent many years in the army and I know that if you don't pay attention all the time, these things can happen. These are very young people in a combat situation, so you need to have a finger on the pulse,” he said.

American troops in Iraq and Afghanistan have also come under criticism for heavy civilian casualties in those wars.

The Israeli military misconduct allegations have struck a nerve in Israel where the military is expected to observe a higher moral standard.

“We have to face this challenge, not because we're the most moral army in the world, but because there are democratic norms and laws of war that we have to keep, and because we want to win and continue living in a democratic society,” Dayan said.

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Mexico offers \$2 million for top drug lords

By ALEXANDRA OLSON

Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's government on Monday offered \$2 million each for information leading to the arrest of 24 top drug lords in a public challenge to the cartels' violent grip on the country.

The list indicated that drug gangs have splintered into six main cartels under pressure from the U.S. and Mexican governments. The two most powerful gangs — the Pacific and Gulf cartels — each suffered fractures that have given rise to new cartels, according to the list published by the Attorney General's Office.

The list offers 30 million pesos (\$2 million) in rewards for 24 top members of the cartels and 15 million pesos (\$1 million) for 13 of their lieutenants.

Mexico's drug violence has killed more than 9,000 people since President Felipe Calderon took office in December 2006 as gangs battle each other for territory and fight off a government crackdown. Some of that violence is spilling over into the United States, especially the Southwest, where kidnaps and killings are on the rise. The rewards are the largest Mexico has ever offered for top drug lords, said Ricardo Najera, a spokesman for the

Attorney General's office. Some of the men, such as suspected Pacific cartel leaders Joaquin Guzman and Ismael Zambada, are targeted by separate \$5 million reward offers from the U.S. government.

The new list appeared to be the first offering rewards for all the most wanted cartel members at once. It offered insight into the reorganization of the cartels more than two years into Calderon's military crackdown against them.

The Beltran Leyva and Carrillo Fuentes gangs — once considered affiliated with the Sinaloa group under the Pacific cartel alliance — were listed as their own cartels. So was La Familia, which operates in central Mexico and was once considered a gang that answered to the Gulf cartel.

Calderon's government has attributed fractures in the cartels to the military crackdown, saying the arrest of drug kingpins has set off internal battles for control that have led to Mexico's sharp surge in violence. It dismisses suggestions by some U.S. officials that Mexico is losing control of some of its territory.

The list sends a signal that Mexico is using all its resources to root out drug traffickers days before a visit from U.S. Secretary of State Hillary

Clinton and a month before President Barack Obama visits, said George Grayson, a Mexico expert at the College of William & Mary in Virginia.

Mexican officials "have been quite defensive about all the talk about Mexico's being a failed state and that the cartels are controlling more and more territory," Grayson said. "I see this as an acceleration of Calderon's policy but with one eye on the upcoming visit of the American leaders."

However, monetary rewards have not proved crucial to the capture of Mexican drug lords in recent years. Calderon's government has not granted rewards for any of the kingpins arrested on its watch, Najera said.

Stephen Meiners, a Latin America analyst for the U.S. intelligence service Stratfor, said many arrests are likely based on anonymous tips from cartel leaders trying to get rid of rivals.

"So far that's been enough incentive to phone in these tips," Meiners said. "I kind of doubt that the people making these calls would want to come forward to claim reward money."

Two of the people named were captured last week: Vicente Zambada, the son of Ismael Zambada, and Sigifredo Najera Talamantes, an alleged Gulf cartel hit man suspected



Alleged members of the Gulf cartel, between them Sigifredo Najera Talamantes, sixth from left, are shown to the press by Mexican soldiers in Mexico City, Friday, March 20, 2009. Najera Talamantes also is suspected of organizing an attack on a U.S. consulate as well as the killing of several soldiers in retaliation for a government crackdown, Mexico's President Felipe Calderon said.

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of organizing an attack on the U.S. consulate in Monterrey. No reward money was granted for either capture, said Najera, the spokesman for the Attorney General's office. Zambada's arrest was

the result of an anonymous tip that only alerted authorities to the presence of armed men at a certain location, he said. Najera Talamantes's arrest was not based on outside information. □

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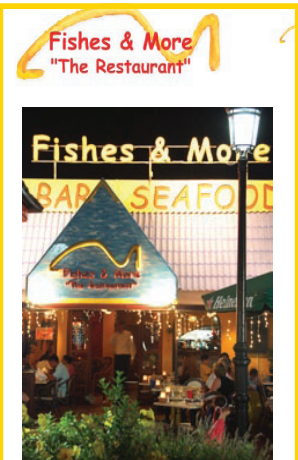


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their staff. Gregory spends most of his time in the kitchen as the head chef repeating the recipes and perfect preparations passed to him from his uncle and three siblings who are renowned for their Mediterranean flair throughout France. Of course we saved the best for last as no one does an ending better than Casa Tua with their dreamy Tiramisu, or Profiteroles au Chocolat Chaud. The best part about such a good ending is that it guarantees you'll be back for more...



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Sayonara! U.S. ousted by Japan in WBC semifinals

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP)

— Daisuke Matsuzaka remained undefeated in the World Baseball Classic and defending champion Japan beat the United States 9-4 at Dodger Stadium on Sunday to reach the final against South Korea.

“Can you believe this? Look at the score. I feel so bad about this,” Tom Lasorda, Hall of Fame manager and WBC global ambassador, said from his seat behind home plate.

“I’m very, very disappointed. We had high hopes. This is the second time we were supposed to win. We taught these people the game.”

Instead, Japan gave the lessons on American soil.



United States players, including Brian McCann, second from left, and Derek Jeter, second from right, sit in the dugout in the ninth inning of a World Baseball Classic semifinal against Japan at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on Sunday, March 22, 2009. Japan won 9-4.

Matsuzaka sent his country into Monday night’s title game against South Korea, a 10-2 winner over Venezuela in Saturday’s semifinal. Japan won the inaugural tournament in 2006, defeating Cuba in the final.

Akinori Iwamura’s RBI triple was the key hit in a five-run fourth inning against starter Roy Oswalt, and the U.S. absorbed its first loss to Japan in major international play since the 2005 World Cup. The Americans had won four in a row, including an 8-4 victory in the bronze medal game at the Beijing Olympics.

“We didn’t play as well defensively,” U.S. manager Davey Johnson said.

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Schilling of Red Sox retires with ‘zero regrets’

BOSTON (AP) — Curt Schilling retired from baseball Monday after a career in which he won World Series titles with the Boston Red Sox and Arizona Diamondbacks and was one of the game’s most dominant pitchers and grittiest competitors.

The 42-year-old right-hander said on his blog he’s leaving after 23 years with “zero regrets.” Schilling missed all of last season with a shoulder injury after signing a one-year, \$8 million contract.

“The things I was allowed to experience, the people I was able to call friends, teammates, mentors, coaches and opponents, the travel, all of it, are far more than anything I ever thought possible in my lifetime,” he wrote.

Schilling had surgery last June and had said he might come back in the middle of this season. He was not under

contract for this season. He made no reference to his injury on his blog.

Schilling won a World Series with Arizona in 2001 and with Boston in 2004 and 2007.

In his first year in Boston in 2004, he helped the team win its first World Series in 86 years, pitching Game 2 of a sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals after a surgical procedure to suture a loose tendon in his right ankle and with blood seeping through his sock. The sock is now in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

He was drafted by the Red Sox in the second round of the 1986 draft, but was traded to the Baltimore Orioles before playing for the big league club. He pitched for the Orioles, Houston, Philadelphia and Arizona before being wooed to the Red Sox by general manager Theo Epstein.

Schilling, one of the sport’s



In this Oct. 25, 2007 file photo, Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling tips his hat as he walks off the field after being taken out of the game during the sixth inning in Game 2 of the baseball World Series against the Colorado Rockies at Fenway Park in Boston.

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hard throwers, finishes his career with 3,116 strikeouts, 14th most in baseball history, a 216-146 record and a 3.46 ERA. He was even better in the postseason, with an 11-2 record, the best of any pitcher with at least 10 decisions, and 2.23 ERA in 19 career starts. □

Chicago leaders hope Obama will be at IOC meeting

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

DENVER (AP) — The committee trying to bring the 2016 Olympics to Chicago has invited President Barack Obama to be in Copenhagen for its final presentation but doesn’t yet have a firm commitment.

Pat Ryan, chairman of the Chicago 2016 bid, said Monday that Obama planned to attend the meeting in October barring an emergency. Later, however, he said he wasn’t positive about the president’s schedule but was hoping Obama would be there.

The White House did not immediately have comment.

Heads of state have been present at meetings more frequently in the past few years. When London overcame favorite Paris and other bids from New York and Madrid to land the 2012 Games, a strong, in-person push by British Prime Minister Tony Blair in Singapore for the IOC vote was viewed as one of the reasons.

Obama’s election has been widely regarded as a boon for the Chicago bid because of his Illinois background and his worldwide popularity. Obama already has chipped in by providing a video message for the bid for earlier presentations to international delegates.

U.S. Olympic Committee officials say they are in touch with the White House about the 2016 bid and hope he can make it to Copenhagen.

“Anyone who’s met him senses he has the charisma and chemistry to work well with people,” said Bob Ctvrtlik, the USOC vice chairman for international relations. “If he can come and stay for an hour, we’ll appreciate it. If he can stay a few days, we’ll appreciate it even more.” □

Lance Armstrong fractures collarbone in crash

By CIARAN GILES

Associated Press Writer

BALTANAS, Spain (AP)

— Lance Armstrong will have surgery after breaking his collarbone Monday in a crash during the Vuelta of Castilla and Leon race.

“I’m alive!” the seven-time Tour de France champion wrote on his Twitter feed. “Broken clavicle (right). Hurts like hell for now. Surgery in a couple of days. Thanks for all the well wishes.”

The 37-year-old American cyclist was knocked off his bike during a pileup in the first stage of the race and was taken to a hospital by ambulance. The American, who crashed about 12.5 miles from the stage’s finish, was grimacing and trying to hold his right arm as he entered the ambulance.

The injury has jeopardized his participation in upcoming races. Armstrong was scheduled to compete in the

Giro d’Italia from May 9-May 31 and the Tour from July 4-26.

“I think for the Giro it’s a very big problem,” Armstrong said as he left Valladolid University Hospital. “The collarbone is broken and I have a little bit of road-rash abrasions. I’ve never had this happen before, it’s pretty painful. I feel really miserable.”

In an earlier statement, Armstrong said he had “been lucky to avoid one of the most common cycling injuries” in his 17-year career.

“The crash has put my upcoming calendar in jeopardy but the most important thing for me right now is to get back home and rest up and begin my rehab,” Armstrong said. X-rays confirmed that Armstrong fractured his right collarbone.

Astana team leader Johan Bruyneel said on his Twitter feed that there were no complications in the break,

and suggested that Armstrong could be back riding soon.

“Clean collarbone fracture,” Bruyneel said. “Should be fast recovery.”

Astana teammate Levi Leipheimer described the pileup on his Twitter feed.

“Lance was involved in a huge crash as the road narrowed and became very rough,” Leipheimer wrote. “He wasn’t far from the front, as he was riding top 10 all day.”

Armstrong, who is scheduled to compete in the Giro d’Italia from May 9-May 30, is also preparing for the Tour de France from July 4-26.

“Toward the end of the race people started getting excited, a bit of wind, some hills and everybody wanting to be at the front,” Armstrong said. “A couple of guys crashed in front of me, I crossed my wheel, then I hit them and over the top.”

Alberto Contador, Armstrong’s teammate and rival for the role



U.S. rider Lance Armstrong sits on the ground in this video image after he took a fall and broke his collarbone during the first stage of the five day Vuelta of Castilla and Leon cycling race to Baltanas, Spain, Monday March 23, 2009, halting his dramatic return to competitive cycling after a three-year retirement.

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of leader, said he hoped the American would soon be back on the bike.

“It has been a pity to lose Lance, because we see him with desire of doing a good preparation in this race,” Contador said. “Now only I can support him and wish him to recover as soon as possible in order to take the start on the Giro.” After falling off his bike, Armstrong sat in the grass beside the road with his

right shoulder slumping and his wrist resting on his right thigh. When help arrived, he motioned toward his right shoulder.

Armstrong eventually walked to the ambulance and climbed into the back.

After initially being taken to the Rio Carrion hospital in Palencia, Armstrong was taken to the hospital in Valladolid.

“You know, that’s cycling. It’s nobody’s fault, crashes happen all the time,” Armstrong said.

Armstrong is making a comeback to cycling and is riding with the Astana team as he prepares for another possible shot at a Tour de France title. He had not raced in Spain for five years.

After a three-year retirement, Armstrong started his comeback at the Tour Down Under in Australia in January, where he finished 29th overall, 49 seconds behind winner Allan Davis of Australia. He then finished seventh in the Tour of California in February.

“Now is not the time to ask (about a return to racing),” Armstrong said. “I need to relax for a couple of days, fix the problem and then make plans.”

The mainly flat first stage of the Castilla and Leon covered 176 kilometers (109 miles) from Paredes de Nava to Baltanas. It was won by Joaquin Sobrino Martinez of Burgos Monumental in 4 hours, 31 minutes, 53 seconds after a sprint finish. He was followed by David Vitoria of Rock Racing and Jose Joaquin Rojas of Caisse d’Epargne. □



Philadelphia Flyers left wing Scott Hartnell looks to control the puck in the second period of an NHL hockey game with the Buffalo Sabres, Tuesday, March 10, 2009, in Philadelphia. Hartnell scored goals in the first and third periods. The Flyers won 5-2.

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — Simon Gagne and Scott Hartnell scored power-play goals Sunday as Philadelphia handed Pittsburgh its first loss in a month.

Philadelphia won 3-1, its second win in a row, to open a two-point lead over Pittsburgh in the race for the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference and home-ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Martin Biron made 27 saves, and Darroll Powe added an empty-net goal for the Flyers, who have three games in hand on the Penguins.

Kris Letang scored for Pittsburgh. The Penguins hadn’t lost since Feb. 22 at Washington, were 8-0-2 in their past 10 and

NHL Roundup

Flyers end Penguins’ run

lost in regulation for only the second time in 17 games under interim coach Dan Bylsma.

Sharks 3, Avalanche 1

At San Jose, California, Milan Michalek had a goal and an assist, Evgeni Nabokov made 31 saves and San Jose reclaimed the overall NHL lead with its third home victory in four days. Jamie McGinn also scored, Devin Setoguchi added an empty-netter, and Alexei Semenov had two assists for San Jose, which took advantage of an unusual cluster of Shark Tank appearances to get back in the race for the franchise’s first Presidents’ Trophy. The Sharks improved their NHL-leading home record to 30-3-4 and earned their 106th point, two off the team record and one more than Detroit in the NHL standings.

Longtime Sharks defenseman Scott Hannan scored his first goal of the season for the last-place Avalanche, who lost their fourth straight and 11th in 14 games.

Bruins 4, Devils 1

At Boston, Michael Ryder and Milan Lucic scored on deflections off New Jersey players for Eastern Conference-leading Boston.

The win clinched the Northeast Division title for Boston, which locked up a playoff berth Saturday night when Florida lost to Columbus. Marc Savard and Chuck Kobasew also scored for Boston, 7-9-4 in its last 20 games after going 39-8-6.

Andy Greene scored for New Jersey, 9-3 in its last 12. □

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Possible Saturday return for Wizards' Arenas



In this April 21, 2008, file photo, Washington Wizards' Gilbert Arenas (0) drives on Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James during the first quarter of an NBA basketball playoff game in Cleveland.

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By JOSEPH WHITE
WASHINGTON — Agent Zero's comeback day is Saturday. Definitely. Perhaps. Maybe. Depending on whom you ask. Gilbert Arenas used a variety

of means Monday to indicate that he could make his season debut for the Washington Wizards this weekend against the Detroit Pistons.

"I'm playing Saturday against Detroit," he said in a text message sent to Comcast SportsNet.

Asked if it was really so, the three-time All-Star told a Washington Post reporter at the Verizon Center: "It's only true if I play on Saturday."

Arenas then told The Washington Times by phone that playing Saturday is "the plan" — but isn't set in stone. Arenas took a fourth approaching — playing coy — when approached by The Associated Press before Monday night's game against the Chicago Bulls: "Everybody's talking about Saturday, man. I don't know how you can talk about Saturday when it ain't here."

Somewhere in the middle was interim coach Ed Tapscott,

who could only say that it's a "possibility" that Arenas will play Saturday. Scooped by his own player, Tapscott said he's only had a brief conversation with the mercurial star about the latest developments.

"It's wonderful that he wants to come back and play," Tapscott said. "And what we all have to do now is get together and coordinate plans and make sure that all the responsible parties weigh in so that we can do this in a way that is beneficial to everybody. That's the process we're going through now. We're hopeful that we'll have all our ducks in a line so that that will be a reality. We're not yet 100 percent sure."

Tapscott went on to say that Arenas' return needs to be "a very logical, reasonable, step-by-step process" — as if anything has ever been logical or reasonable involving a player who has operated on his own timetable for much of his career.

Arenas signed a six-year, \$111 million contract last summer, but surgery on his left knee in September — his third in an 18-month span — has kept him sidelined. He rushed himself back from the first two operations and has said he's determined not to repeat that mistake — especially with the Wizards mired in last place in the Eastern Conference.

Arenas began practicing full speed with the team last month, but he did not travel on the four-games-in-five-days road trip that ended Saturday. This week there are three off days during a homestand to get some final work in before his debut.

"I think he can do pretty much whatever we want now," Tapscott said. "The biggest problem is we haven't had very many practices, because we've been playing. So we will have at least two this week, so that'll give us additional opportunities to evaluate." □



Japan starter Daisuke Matsuzaka throws to a United States batter during the first inning of a semifinal at the World Baseball Classic in Los Angeles, Sunday, March 22, 2009.

Associated Press

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"We made it a ballgame through seven innings, and made some mistakes, walked the leadoff hitter in the eighth, and that's not the way you win ballgames."

The WBC has hardly been a showcase for the United States, despite a roster loaded with major league stars.

Three years ago, the Americans were eliminated 2-1 by Mexico in the second round of the tournament after beating Japan 4-3 during pool play in Anaheim.

"I have no thoughts whatsoever that I have surpassed them," Japan manager Tatsunori Hara said through a translator. "But the American baseball team came to recognize the Japanese team. To some extent, that is something I believe is the result of this."

The Americans came into their first final four appearance with four players sidelined due to injuries.

"Some of our pitchers aren't as far along as some of the Japanese pitchers," said Johnson, who played in Japan in the mid-1970s.

"When I was in Japan, spring training started January 1. It's a lot of practice. It does give them a head start when you play them in March, but I thought our guys played well."

Matsuzaka allowed two runs and five hits in 4 2-3 innings. The Boston Red Sox right-hander struck out four and walked three before being pulled when he reached 98 pitches, two shy of the 100-limit for the tournament's final two rounds.

Matsuzaka, who pitched six shutout innings against Cuba last Sunday, is 3-0 in this year's WBC, having allowed 14 hits and four runs in 14 2-3 innings. He went 3-0 and was selected tournament MVP three years ago.

"Compared with the Cuba game, I believe that the control of the slider was not as good," catcher Kenji Johjima said. "What I think is good about him is if one ball is not good, one pitch, even when that ball is not good, he would not give up."

Oswalt gave up six runs and six hits in 3 2-3 innings. He walked four and struck out one.

"I thought he was throwing the ball all right," Johnson said. "I tried to get (John) Grabow up. I didn't think it was going to take him so long. It took him longer in the cold weather to get loose. But I still thought he (Oswalt) was throwing good enough to stay in the ballgame."

The United States took a 2-1 lead after three innings on Brian Roberts' leadoff homer in the first and David Wright's RBI double in the third.

Japan broke loose in the fourth, with the help of an error by Roberts at second base that made two of the runs unearned. Roberts was added to the U.S. roster before the second round, replacing Pedroia.

Atsunori Inaba and Michihiro Ogasawara opened the inning with singles and the error by Roberts allowed Japan to tie it at 2. Johjima followed with his second sacrifice fly before Iwamura tripled into the right-field corner.

Munenori Kawasaki then singled home Iwamura. One out later, Hiroyuki Nakajima hit an RBI double on a 3-0 pitch, chasing Oswalt and giving Japan a 6-2 lead.

That put the Americans in a big hole against a team that came into the semifinals having outscored its opponents 36-9 in seven games. □

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Presidente Rafael Correa de Ecuador

“Debemos recuperar el tiempo perdido en integración”

ASUNCION (AP) - El presidente ecuatoriano Rafael Correa afirmó el lunes que en América Latina “debemos recuperar el tiempo perdido en integración” y aseguró que en varios países hay un vuelco “hacia la izquierda debido a tanta miseria, inequidad y falta de justicia”.

Correa, quien llegó para una visita oficial de dos días, dijo en el aeropuerto que “soy el primer presidente en visitar este país bajo el nuevo gobierno. Paraguay, con el hermano Fernando Lugo, va en dirección al movimiento que construye la Patria Grande en América Latina junto a Nicaragua, El Salvador, Venezuela, Uruguay, Argentina y Bolivia”.

Posteriormente, admitió que esa dirección es la izquierda “debido a tanta miseria, inequidad social y falta de justicia”. “En América Latina debemos recuperar el tiempo perdido para profundizar la integración, debemos unirnos”, acotó.

Refiriéndose a las últimas críticas de la Sociedad Interamericana de Prensa (SIP), reunida en Asunción



El presidente de Ecuador, Rafael Correa, saluda a niños durante una ceremonia en Asunción, 23 mar 2009. El presidente de Ecuador, Rafael Correa, dio el lunes un fuerte respaldo a su colega de Paraguay en el reclamo que lleva adelante ante Brasil por la revisión del tratado de la hidroeléctrica binacional Itaipú. REUTERS/Jorge Adorno

recientemente, preguntó: el hostigamiento de la prensa “¿en dónde puedo denunciar al gobierno ecuatoriano?”.

Agregó que “las críticas de la SIP no significan nada porque son opiniones, no de periodistas sino de presidentes o dueños de esas empresas periodísticas. Ellos defienden sólo la libertad de hacer negocios”.

“En mi país no hay hostigamiento a la prensa. Existe una libertad de expresión para todos. Entonces, como la prensa puede decir muchas cosas, el presidente y el gobierno tienen el derecho, en base a la libertad de expresión, de responderles”, acotó.

Siguiendo con la SIP, afirmó que “agradezco las críticas de los medios de comunicación pero esa prensa actúa con mala fe y asume posiciones políticas, entonces recibe respuestas políticas”.

Este martes, luego de visitar las ruinas de reducciones jesuitas del siglo XVII y recorrer lugares del departamento de Itapúa, a 400 kilómetros al sur de Asunción, zonas de donde es oriundo Lugo, el presidente Correa retornará a Quito. □

México ofrece millonarias recompensas por 37 líderes del narco

MEXICO (AP) - El gobierno federal ofreció recompensas millonarias para quien dé información que permita capturar a 37 líderes narcotránticos, en la primer lista pública que reúne a los cabecillas más buscados de los seis carteles de las drogas que operan en México. En el mayor ofrecimiento de recompensas hecho hasta el momento por el gobierno, la Procuraduría General de la República (PGR) puso un precio de hasta 30 millones de pesos (unos 2,1 millones de dólares) por la captura de cada uno de los 24 líderes de los carteles, y de hasta 15 millones de pesos (alrededor de un millón de dólares) por cada uno de 13 lugartenientes de tres de esas organizaciones. La dependencia publicó el lunes en el Diario Oficial el acuerdo por el que se ofrece la recompensa por presuntos barones de la droga como Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán, cuyo nombre fue incluido por la revista Forbes como uno de los multimillonarios del planeta con una fortuna calculada en 1.000 millones de dólares.

En la lista aparecen dos presuntos capos que el ejército capturó la semana pasada: Vicente Zambada Niebla, “El Vicentillo”, uno de los

líderes del Cartel del Pacífico; y Sigifredo Nájera Talamantes, alias “El Canicón”, lugarteniente del Cartel del Golfo-Zetas.

El vocero de la PGR, Ricardo Nájera, explicó a la AP que la lista estaba preparada para ser publicada días antes de que ambos presuntos capos fueran capturados.

Añadió que no se dará ninguna recompensa a nadie porque en el caso de “El Vicentillo” sólo hubo una denuncia anónima que alertaba de la presencia de hombres armados y tras labores de inteligencia de las autoridades se le detuvo en la capital mexicana junto con cinco guardaespaldas.

La captura de “El Canicón” se logró en el norte de México a partir sólo de labores de inteligencia, afirmó el portavoz. La lista también actualiza el número y nombre de los carteles que operan en el país. □



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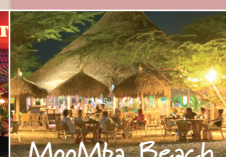
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